



FRIDAY EVENING, SEPT. 6, 1901.

It is said that Secretary Root early in the next session of Congress will endeavor to have legislation enacted that will have for its object the organization of the national guard of the States into a great national reserve, ready to respond at a moment's notice to a call of the President. The matter has been under consideration for a long time; in fact, ever since the clashes between the federal and State authorities that marked the opening of the Spanish war, but not until within the last few weeks has the War department determined to press its ideas on Congress. Mr. Root's determination has been reached after a canvass of sentiment on the subject among military men in different parts of the United States. Many of the governors and adjutant-generals of the States were asked for their ideas, and most of them have responded, but the department has deemed it wise not to make public any of the correspondence at this time. The returns are not overwhelmingly in favor of going the length which he will request, however, that the national guard be federalized. This country is gradually drifting toward militarism and then will follow despotism.

SENATOR HOAR, in an address before the Essex county, Mass., Club yesterday, as stated in the Gazette of that day, declared that he had not altered his opposition to imperialism. Of the Philippines he said: "Their independence should be a question solely for the determination of that people. When they have shown the capacity for self government no power on earth can hold them in subjection against their will. American people would not do it if they could. They could not do it if they would." Why certainly not! The American people, that is the republican administration, would not hold another people in subjection against their will. Perhaps the thought. This reminds us of a well known resident of Alexandria, a British subject, long since deceased, who during the war was put into the Old Capitol prison in Washington. When friends called on him they said: "The Yankees can't put you in prison; they have no right to do so." His reply was, "But, d—n! they have got me here."

AFTER A long and unprofitable debate (which the people bore with impatience but Christian fortitude) the State Constitutional Convention yesterday, as stated in the Gazette of that day, by a vote of 53 to 26, adopted a resolution not to determine the question of submission until after the constitution is framed, thus deciding not to cross a bridge till they come to it. The work of the convention so far has been only negative. It is hoped the members will now "get together," frame a constitution for the best interests of the entire State and go home. Why the question of submitting or proclaiming the constitution should have been raised before the instrument was framed can be answered only by the members of the convention.

AT LAST the French troops have evacuated Pekin, and paradoxical as it may seem, they did not take French leave.—[Richmond Dispatch.]

No; the allies took that and everything else before they left China.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY, in a speech at the Buffalo Exposition, declared for ship subsidies and reciprocity in trade. He said: "We must not repose in fancied security that we can forever sell everything and buy little or nothing. Reciprocity is the natural outgrowth of our wonderful industrial development." As reciprocity is in the direction of lower tariff, the trust barons must have advised him that slight concessions would be tolerated, but that he was only in order to secure their pet scheme—the ship subsidy bill. These subsidies, however, would require all the money that is now raised under the new tariff bill.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

Washington, September 6. The Navy department has sent at summons to the witnesses desired by Admiral Schley and counsel and the latter will within a few days have the desired opportunity of examining these in advance of the sessions of the court. Some delay is anticipated directly after the first meeting of the court next Thursday, because it has now been decided that Schley's first step will be the challenge of Rear Admiral Howison on the ground that the opinions he has expressed in the controversy disqualify him from sitting as a judge in the case. As the other two members of the court will have to determine this issue in advance of all others, it is unlikely that the taking of testimony will begin before the Monday following the opening of the court. An order issued last night prescribes full dress uniform for officers in attendance on the first day, and service uniform thereafter. There has been much speculation as to the total cost to the country of the court of inquiry. It is now estimated that it will be within the \$100,000 mark.

Papers in the case of the Chicago millionaire who is said to have been compelled by the Chicago customs officials to pay a fine of \$5,000 for alleged smuggling of \$25,000 worth of precious

stones, besides a duty of \$18,000, reached the Treasury department this afternoon. They are in the hands of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Spaulding, who refuses to impart any information in regard to the affair, even declining to affirm or deny that the name of the millionaire in question had been correctly reported.

Mr. Herran, secretary of the Colombian legation, called at the State department this morning and had a conference with acting Secretary Adee with the idea of obtaining more definite information as to the attitude of the United States towards Colombia during her present troubles. A serious question in this connection is as to whether the United States will consider the attacks upon Colombia from Venezuela, Ecuador and Nicaragua as constituting a civil or foreign war. If it is held that the various expeditions are merely revolutionary movements, then any vessels engaged in their behalf will have no authority to fly the flag of any nation. They will be classed as filibustering vessels and are liable to be treated as pirates. Another question is how far the United States will go in interpreting the treaty with New Granada, now Colombia. This treaty imposes upon the country the obligation not only to free the isthmus of Panama open to free traffic but to guarantee the sovereignty of Colombia over the isthmus. This devolves the duty upon the United States of maintaining the territorial integrity of Colombia, and precludes the idea that the United States would consent to any movement looking to the re-establishment of the old republic of New Granada through the consolidation of the present three governments of Venezuela, Ecuador and Colombia.

A letter from Admiral Schley was received at the Navy department this afternoon requesting that certain civilian witnesses, whom he named, should be summoned to Washington immediately for examination. The matter was referred to the Judge Advocate General who has responded that he has no authority under the law to summon civilians, and that in any event no summons could be issued by court which was not yet in existence and would not be until Sept. 12. No fees or traveling expenses could be authorized now. An answer to this effect has been sent to Admiral Schley together with the statement that these witnesses have been asked to be present in Washington on the day that the court opens. One of the men whom Schley wants is pilot Nantz, at Santiago. This man is reported to have told Schley before the enemy's fleet was located that the Spanish ships could not enter Santiago harbor without torpedoes and that there were no materiel, but Schley based his information on the Spaniards were not in Santiago harbor. Some of the newspaper correspondents on the American fleet have also been asked to attend.

The Postoffice department has established three free delivery routes in Alaska. This gives an average of one route for every four farmers in the territory as there are only one dozen farms in the vast northern province. As soon as cold weather sets in the Alaskan free delivery routes will be abandoned because nearly all the people who live in remote parts of Alaska during the summer move to the settlements in the winter.

Miss Stone, an American missionary, while traveling in Turkey, with a female companion, has been captured by brigands near Salonica. U. S. Minister Leitchman says that he has taken immediate and energetic steps to secure her release.

A strike may be caused in the government printing office by one lone woman. Mrs. Mary Callahan, a press feeder in the government printing office, refuses to join the new union and as the members of the organization are pledged to handle nothing but union material, her refusal to join may lead to interesting developments. As Mrs. Callahan is protected by the Civil Service rules, the public printer will be obliged to defend her against the union.

A cablegram received at the State department this afternoon announces that the signing of the final protocol will be effected on the 7th (tomorrow). Evacuation of the City of Peking and the Province of Chihli is expected to be completed on the 17th and 22d respectively.

The amount of money in circulation in the United States on September 1 was estimated by the Treasury Department at \$2,157,769,834, which is an increase of \$1,001,106,762, compared with the aggregate on the same date last year. Based on the estimated population of 77,965,000, the circulation per capita was \$28.18 as against \$26.85 on September 1, 1900.

The stock brokers report a dull market today.

SENSATIONAL EPISODES.—One of the most sensational episodes that ever occurred in this State will be dismissed from the public mind along with the suit by Mrs. W. B. Davies, of Amherst, against Rev. George H. Ray, Jr., Presbyterian minister of that place, for damages for defamation of character.

The suit will be dismissed by the plaintiff, she being satisfied with an apology from the minister, in which he disclaims any intention of reflecting upon her honesty by the hasty speech he made, in which he said: "When men withhold money that does not belong to them, they are denounced as thieves and robbers; but when women withhold it, they are called kleptomaniacs."

The Ladies' Aid Society of the church some years ago collected, or rather made up among themselves, \$50, which Mrs. Davis, as a member of that society, held. When the ladies started out on this work of gathering in this fund it was with the purpose of buying a bell for the church, but this scheme has long since been abandoned, and Mrs. Davis has had this \$50 bank certificate in her hands for about 10 years. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Ray, along with a large majority of his members, has thought that this money should be expended in paying some much needed repairs on the church, and Mr. Ray has tried several times to get the money from Mrs. Davies, but was defeated in every effort. On the last round with her he not only failed, as he had before, but succeeded in having himself fined for \$5,000.

FAIRFAX SUPERVISORS.—The Board of Supervisors met here on Monday last. Bids opened for building an iron bridge over Accotink run, near Pohick Church, and bid of the Virginia Bridge and Iron Co. for \$427 for iron bridge, bid of C. H. Kruse for \$370 for masonry, etc., were accepted, and bids opened for building a bridge over Pope's Head run, and bid of W. H. Mathers for \$245 accepted.—[Herald.]

NEWS OF THE DAY

There is some talk of electing Bishop T. U. Dudley, of Kentucky, to the vacant bishopric of Long Island.

Dr. Edward P. Duval, state librarian of Maryland from 1880 to 1892, died at Annapolis Md., yesterday, aged 75 years.

Li Hung Chang has notified the foreign ministers that the edicts for the signing of the peace protocol have at last arrived.

The Turkish government has informed Great Britain that the action of a British warship in preventing a Turkish corvette from entering Kowest is incompatible with friendly relations.

Yesterday was President's Day at the Buffalo Exposition. President McKinley was the star attraction, with Mrs. McKinley, and made a speech. There was also a large attendance of diplomats.

The Navy department has acceded to Admiral Schley's demand that all of his witnesses be summoned to Washington at an early date, in order that conference may be held with them by his counsel.

When asked concerning a report that she was to marry an English nobleman, Miss Anna Morgan replied: "I would rather be known as the daughter of J. Pierpont Morgan than share the throne of any court in Europe."

Ecuador is reported to have joined Venezuela against Colombia, and to have put a well equipped army in the field, besides furnishing war vessels. Colombia has formally accepted the mediation of the United States.

In London yesterday the Ecumenical Methodist Conference declined to hear the reading of a message from the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of London expressing a hope that some day the Methodists would be united with the Presbyterians.

On the same farm in Kentucky, where Abraham Lincoln was born, the St. Louis society of Chicago is to establish a home for the imbeciles of the South. A large hotel, small cottages and commodious dwellings will be erected by the society and the negro will be made as welcome as the white.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Governor Tyler, who recently suffered an attack of indigestion, continues sick at his home in Radford.

Mr. and Mrs. James Younger Brickley, who were divorced about three years ago, were remarried in Norfolk yesterday.

It is reported that Governor Tyler will succeed Dr. J. M. McBryde as president of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg.

James Royall, a well-known carpenter, was run over and killed by the fast mail on the Southern Railway Wednesday night, near Amelia Courthouse.

Mrs. Helen S. Robb, widow of the late Philip Robb, died yesterday at Gaymont, her home, near Port Royal, Caroline county, after an illness of several months.

Large options have been secured along the river front near Norfolk for the establishment of a big shipbuilding plant on the line of that at Newport News, providing enough capital can be raised.

Miss Nathalie Page Coleman and Rev. G. McLaren Brydon were married yesterday at New Ferry, Halifax county, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Nelson P. Dame, of Winchester, an uncle of the groom.

There are already three names mentioned for the judgeship of Elizabeth City and Warwick counties to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Baker I. Lee. They are E. E. Montague, S. J. Dudley and John M. Willis.

The primary held yesterday to nominate two Senators for Richmond and Henrico and five members of the House from Richmond resulted in the selection of Julian Bryant and Gen. Wayne Anderson for the Senate, and S. L. Kelly, E. C. Folkes, A. C. Harman, C. M. Wallace, Jr., and L. T. Christian for the House.

Marriage licenses were issued in Washington yesterday to Frederick Newman, of Nottaway Court House, and Pearl Marshall, of Lunenburg Court House; John Woodward and Mrs. Susie Woodward, both of Clifton Forge; Robert R. Perry and Anna Dannehl, both of Fredericksburg, and Richard D. Whitehead and Minnie I. Gatewood, both of Chatham.

COURT OF APPEALS.

The following are the proceedings in the Court of Appeals at Staunton yesterday:

A motion was made by Wingfield Liggett to transfer the cases of Brock and Bear and Nicholas vs. Nicholas to Richmond.

The case of Sharp vs. Shenandoah Furnace Company was argued and submitted.

A motion was made by Charles Curry to transfer the case of Glover vs. Serrett from the Circuit Court of Augusta county to Richmond.

The case of Harris vs. Rich Patch Iron Company, from the Circuit Court of Allegheny county, was continued till next term.

The case of the Chesapeake and Western Railway Company against the Washington, Cincinnati, and St. Louis Railway Company was argued in part and continued till today for a further hearing.

THE STRIKE.

Efforts to bring about a settlement of the steel strike were abandoned in New York last night by the members of the board of conciliation of the National Civic Federation. President Shaffer, of the Amalgamated Association, was given until 6 o'clock last night to accept the terms of the United States Steel Corporation. Before that hour President Shaffer telephoned from Pittsburgh a final and positive rejection of the terms offered to John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers.

This information was at once communicated to President Charles M. Schwab, of the steel trust, who at once took steps to meet the new turn of affairs. The trust will now fight the Amalgamated Association with more vigor and on a broader scale than it has in the past.

Killed by a Train.

Cumberland, Md., Sept. 6.—David McAlpine and Wm. Culbertson, ex-volunteers in the U. S. army who recently returned from the Philippines, were run down by a Pennsylvania passenger train near here late last night. McAlpine's head was severed from the body and rolled down the embankment. One of Culbertson's hands was cut off and he received other severe injuries.

THE CONVENTION.

There will be no more speaking on the Wysox amendment to the preamble and bill of rights and kindred subjects until the constitutional convention shall have completed the substance of its work. A resolution was offered by Judge Robertson early in yesterday's session to pass by all propositions looking to the submission of the constitution after that day's debate and quickly adopted. By request of Mr. Wysox, who was absent when the vote was taken, it was reconsidered and passed by until the close of that day's debate, when it was again called up and adopted by a vote of 53 to 27.

Yesterday's session lasted from 11 o'clock until 4:15, and except a few minutes devoted to unimportant routine was devoted to speeches by Messrs. Flood and Glass, for and against the Wysox amendment. The speaker commenced by denying the legal right of the convention to prohibit the constitution, and then contended that it could not pursue this course or submit to an abridged electorate unless the authority so to do was gotten from the people, who brought the convention into existence.

Mr. Flood devoted the latter part of his speech to a discussion of the Norfolk pledge, and contended that "the people" meant all the people. He appealed eloquently in conclusion to the democrats not to break the pledge made in the Norfolk convention, and was loudly cheered as he resumed his seat.

Mr. Glass's speech was an exhaustive argument in favor of submitting the new constitution to an abridged electorate, and it often elicited applause.

Mr. Glass began his speech by saying the peril of the commonwealth to negro domination was a potent factor in the situation in which members found themselves in the pending question.

The finance committee of the constitutional convention last night held a long session and heard argument on the outer taxation question from Messrs. Miller, Keenell, Curtis and Pettit, of the board of fisheries, and Delegates Walker, Danaway, Garrett and Hatton. No action was taken.

The committee on executive department had an hour's executive session yesterday. No definite action was taken. The manner of election of auditor, treasurer and secretary of the commonwealth was informally discussed. Consideration was also given the board of public works and public printer. The committee agreed to take a final vote on these subjects at its meeting Thursday morning of next week.

The committee on public institutions returned yesterday from a visit of inspection to the Insane Hospital at Staunton. They also visited the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institution, although this did not come strictly within the scope of their observations. The committee was composed of Messrs. Ayers, Portlock, Cobb, Lincoln, Waddill, Gwynn, Hardy and Campbell. There had been no notification of their intended visit, but the committee found everything in good condition as far as the business management was concerned. They made no inquiries as to the charges recently filed by one of the women physicians. The committee is looking into the business management of these institutions in connection with the resolution to supplant the present boards of directors by a central board for all the State institutions.

VIRGINIA REPUBLICANS.

The State republican executive committee met in Richmond last night and nominated R. Walter Dickinson, of Russell county for lieutenant governor to take the place on the ticket of Robert W. Blair, of Wythe, who is too young to qualify, were he elected to the office. There was no other person placed in nomination. Mr. Dickinson is a man about 45 years of age, and is a farmer and a merchant.

The committee was in session several hours, and plans were discussed for the campaign. The republicans decided to make an aggressive campaign, to get out all the speakers possible, and try and put the democrats on the defensive. Every district was represented except the Sixth. National Committee-men George E. Bowden and many other leading members of the party were present, including the republican members of the constitutional convention. It is said everything possible will be done by the republicans in the convention to make capital for their party in the coming campaign.

The committee directed Chairman Agnew to send a letter to Mr. Ellison, the democratic chairman, inviting a joint discussion of the issues of the campaign, such discussions to commence on a date to be agreed upon and to continue until the election, and to alternate as to terms. If the proposition is accepted Mr. Agnew suggests that Mr. Ellison meet him and arrange the details.

It was decided that the appointments for republican speakers shall be made out from the headquarters at Alexandria, but the campaign in each district will be managed by the member of the executive committee from that district in conjunction with the members of the State committee.

Col. J. Hampton Hoge, the nominee for governor, and D. Lawrence Groner, the nominee for attorney general, conferred with the committee. Colonel Hoge states that it is his purpose to spend nearly all of his time on the stump. The Colonel denied that he had in an interview said things that reflected upon the negro race.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The U. S. transport Dixon has arrived at San Francisco with 520 bodies from the Philippines.

Lakin Herron, pitcher for the Arkansas City, Kan., baseball club fell dead while playing a game against the Joplin team yesterday afternoon. Physicians declare excitement and over exertion brought on heart failure.

Stanley Johns, a member of "The Game Keeper Company" now playing at Detroit Mich., has filed an application for a divorce from his wife, whose stage name is Marguerite Neville. Johns says that her affection for him has been turned by a woman, well known in vaudeville, whose name he does not give.

The entire Matacatzha river country consisting of five hundred miles of virgin forest lands below Quebec has passed into the hands of William Power, of Quebec, and Harlan Calvin M. P. of Kingston. This country has been the scene of a palmy word, and it is said that another extensive industry will be established there.

London dispatches today positively announce that Richard Croker will sail from Liverpool for New York tomorrow on the Lucania.

THE PRESIDENT SHOT.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 7.—President McKinley was shot twice this evening on the Exposition grounds by an insane man whose name has not yet been ascertained.

One shot entered the chest and one the groin. Both are considered serious.

At the reception a young man was pushed forward to shake the President's hand. His right hand was done up in a handkerchief, but in its folds was hidden a revolver. As the assassin approached the President he proffered his left hand, at the same time revealing the weapon in his right hand.

With a quick motion he fired two shots, one taking effect in the chest and one in the groin.

The crowd gathered around the assassin, but was driven back by the position guards. Detectives closed in and grabbed him and knocked him down. Policemen then interfered and the excitement gradually quieted down.

The police did not dare remove him from the Temple of Music, where the reception was held, as the crowd was anxious to take his life.

The President was taken to the Emergency Hospital, on the grounds, where the surgeons are now attending him. They have recovered one of the bullets from the President's body. His wounds are serious but not necessarily fatal. He bears up wonderfully well under his suffering.

When he was shot the President fell into the arms of Secretary Cortelyou and Mr. Milburn.

The Convention.

Richmond, Sept. 6.—The constitutional convention today considered the bill of rights. There were no set speeches. The judiciary committee held a sitting all day.

Prospects of a Settlement.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 6.—A faint hope that the great steel strike may at last be settled was renewed this morning by the hurried assembling of the Amalgamated Association executive board to consider the recent peace proposition submitted by President Schwab of the steel corporation. The members of the board arrived early and immediately went into secret session, nearly every member being present. The members seemed unanimous in the expression that any honorable terms of settlement will be accepted. The proposal of Mr. Schwab was not disclosed to the board until this morning's session opened, behind barred doors.

McKeessport, Pa., Sept. 6.—At the National Tube works this morning, a large number of workmen appeared. One of the foremen said: "About 1,000 workmen are on duty in the tube works. More men reported for duty this morning than we can find employment for, and they were sent home." The intention is to start a number of furnaces Monday.

McKeessport, Pa., Sept. 6.—A conservative estimate places the number of men who returned to work at the National Tube Works here this morning at between 400 and 500. A number of men also entered the Demmin tin plate mill. These men are all old employees.

New York, Sept. 6.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, admitted this afternoon that the efforts to settle the strike had failed.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 6.—Peace has again failed and the steel strike will continue. It can be stated positively on the authority of a representative of the steel trust that the steel corporation has decided every peace effort off and that the mills of the corporation will be started at once.

May Challenge for America's Cup if Columbia to again defend the America's cup, is the topic of discussion in the yachting world today. What her chances are against Shamrock II. is solely a matter of opinion which will probably be more evenly divided than in any previous cup contest. Constitution will win by no means be relegated to the "lumber books." Even at this early date, New York Yacht Club members state that she will be sent across the Atlantic to bring the cup back if Columbia loses it. In a year Corsair could be put in first class racing trim. Almost without exception yachting men admit that Constitution is the better boat but that she is not in trim.

Bar Harbor, Me., Sept. 6.—Thomas W. Lawson today reiterated a statement made last night that if Butler Duncan will agree now to a race between Independence and Constitution he will rush his boat into racing trim.

Only Homely Women Need Apply. Fredericktown, O., Sept. 6.—The school board of Butler has offered a bonus for the homeliest teacher in Oslo to take charge of the primary department for one year. Unfitness of person must be the successful applicant's first qualification. The lady to whom the position is tendered must sign a contract not to get married till the end of the school term. Recently the board engaged Miss Long to teach the primary room but shortly after her election she was married and offered her resignation. Then another beauty, Miss Myrtle Stewart, received the favorable consideration of the board. Her marriage closed a little romance a week later. Next Jennie Hall got the job and a husband at the end of a week.

The President.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 6.—President McKinley, Mr. McKinley and his party left the exposition grounds this morning by special train for a trip to Lewiston, the gorge and Niagara Falls. The run to Lewiston was without special event. The party dined at the Falls at 1 o'clock and at 2 p. m. started on the return to Buffalo. At 4 p. m. the President will arrive at the Temple of Music, where a public reception will be held.

Elmira, N. Y., Sept. 6.—President McKinley has accepted an invitation to spend several days on Seneca Lake at North Hector, the guest of his friend, Arthur Valocic.

The Market.

Georgetown, Sept. 6.—Wheat 68 3/4.

Foreign News.

Vienna, Sept. 6.—It is announced that the inquiry in the case of Prince Christian of Cumberland, who died rather suddenly, showed that death was caused through swallowing of a cherry stone.

Reciprocity, the need of a merchant marine, an isthmian canal and a Pacific cable, the present prosperity of this country and the prospects for the extension of American trade were the main points of the speech of President McKinley at the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo yesterday.

Berlin, Sept. 6.—The Kaiser has invited Prince Chun, the head of the Chinese expatriate mission to Germany, to attend the naval manoeuvres at Dantzig.

London, Sept. 6.—Justice Murphy, of the Irish supreme court, is dead. Justice Murphy obtained world-wide reputation in the early eighties, when he was crown prosecutor at the famous Phoenix Park murder trials.

Berlin, Sept. 6.—Prince Chun today placed wreaths on the tombs of Emperor William I. and Empress Augusta.

London, Sept. 6.—Rev. C. W. Smith, of Pittsburgh, caused a scene at this morning's session of the Ecumenical Methodist Conference, by his paper on "The Influence of International Peace." The discussion which followed the reading of the paper, was mostly on the war in South Africa and several fiery speeches for and against the war were made by the delegates. The speeches were the occasion for noisy interruptions and loud cheering. There was considerable disorder.

Sensational Divorce Suit.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 6.—James T. Patterson, son of a millionaire tobacco manufacturer of Richmond, Va., has commenced divorce proceedings here against his wife who is a society woman and singer. The petition declares that early in the evening a young society man of Richmond began to visit Mrs. Patterson at her home during her husband's absence. On several occasions, it is alleged, this man was observed leaving the Patterson home at unseemly hours of the night and when Mr. Patterson remonstrated to his wife, she said: "Why don't you do something about it? Why don't you go out and shoot somebody or get shot yourself?"

The plaintiff declares further that his wife shot at him because he picked up and read a suspicious mystery paper by her and that she has detectives following and harassing him wherever he goes.

Lumont's Balloon.

Paris, Sept. 6.—M. Santos Dumont, the Brazilian aeronaut and inventor of a dirigible balloon, made an informal attempt to win the Deutsch prize of 100,000 francs this afternoon. The attempt was made at 3 o'clock and was unsuccessful, however. The wind drove the airship against the coping of the Quay by the Sorene bridge, and the ship was with difficulty dislodged without accident. The balloon descended upon the bridge and was taken in a boat to the park from which the start was made. The inventor says there was no damage done his ship and is sure of better luck next time.

Boer Commando Captured.

Middelburg, Cape Colony, Sept. 6.—Col. Scobell's column has captured the whole of Lotter's commando near Pietersburg. The Boer casualties were 19 killed, 52 wounded, and 52 taken prisoners including Commandants Lotter and Breedt, Field Cornets Kruger, and W. Kruger, and Lieut. Soeman. The British casualties were 10 killed and 8 wounded. Lord Kitchener reports that three hundred Boers fled to the south side of the Orange river on Wednesday. The British columns are pursuing them.

A Peculiar Criminal Libel Case.

Portsmouth, O., Sept. 6.—Mrs. Sarah Winkhouse recently told some of her neighbors that she saw Garfield Colegrove kiss Miss Adelia Lair. Yesterday Miss Lair caused the arrest of Mrs. Winkhouse. Colegrove admitted to an inequitable attorney that he had kissed Miss Lair many times, but swore that he had not done so at the time mentioned. Accordingly Mrs. Winkhouse was bound over to the grand jury.

Prizes for a Transatlantic Race.

Boston, Sept. 6.—Thomas W. Lawson has made an offer of prizes for a big fisherman's race, the course to be either to the grand banks and return or across the Atlantic. The plans call for the entrance of about 20 vessels, each to post \$500, the winner to take the total amount. In addition, there will be a purse of from \$10,000 to \$20,000, the latter probably posted by Mr. Lawson.

Salvation Oil the best liniment. Regular bottle, 15 cts.; large bottle, 25 cts. Greatest cure on earth for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sprains, Bruises, stiffness, Cuts, Bruises, Wounds, Swellings, Burns and Frost Bites. Salvation Oil kills all pain. Sold by Richard Gibson and all druggists.

Henry Besden, Harris, N. C., says: "I took medicine 20 years for asthma but one bottle of One Minute Cough Cure did me more good than any thing else during that time. Best Cough Cure. For sale by E. S. Leadbeater & Sons."

Thomas Sullivan, an architect, who was shot last night by James Dunn, at the latter's home in Indianapolis Ind., is in a dying condition this morning. Dunn accused Sullivan of attempting to force Mrs. Dunn to elope with him.

Don't wait until you become chronically constipated but take Dr. Williams' Little Elix. Rivers now and then. They will keep your liver and bowels in good order. Easy to take. Safe pills. For sale by E. S. Leadbeater & Sons.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

New York, Sept. 6.—The stock market opened in a hesitating mood. As a rule prices suffered fractional losses in early dealings, but in some instances these were recovered. The market as a whole presents little feature of interest.

WHOLESALE PRICES IN ALEXANDRIA

Flour Extra	2 75	3 15
Family	3 50	3 90
Pancakes	4 00	4 90
Wheat, longberry	0 70	0 72
Mixed	0 68	0 70
Fruit	0 65	0 68
Damp and tough	0 50	0 55
Corn, white	0 63	0 65
Mixed	0 60	0 63
Yellow	0 60	